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SUBJECT: 1976/77 AND 1977/78 LECTURER EXCHANGE

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1. DEPT AGREES WITH EMBASSY COURSE OF ACTION (PARA 2 REF A)
RE DATKO AND HALE.

2. EMBASSY ARGUMENT ON IMPROBABILITY OF ACHIEVING PLACEMENT
OF FULL TEN US LECTURERS COMING SPRING SEMESTER RINGS TRUE.
HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM MHE AT APPROPRIATE OPPOR-
TUNITY THAT WE STILL EXPECT PLACEMENT OF TEN DURING CALENDAR
YEAR 1977.

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3. ON MAGGS, DEPT IS OF TWO MINDS. MAGGS' SUBJECT AREA IS
ONE WHICH WE WISH TO PUSH, AND MAGGS HIMSELF, WITH HIS
FLUENT RUSSIAN, IS A RARITY AMONG LECTURERS WE NOMINATE.
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THE INCEPTION OF THE NEW
PROGRAM, THIS IS THE BEST POSSIBLE TIME TO INSIST ON SOVIET
ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT LECTURERS BE PLACED FOR

FULL ACADEMIC TERMS, AS SPECIFIED IN NEW PROGRAM.

4. DEPT THEREFORE RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDES THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN OUR OVERALL INTEREST TO ACCEPT A ONE-MONTH

PLACEMENT FOR MAGGS. PLACEMENT AT TWO INSTITUTIONS FOR TWO WEEKS EACH MAKES SUCH ACCEPTANCE EVEN MORE REMOTE FROM POLICY WE ARE TRYING TO ESTABLISH. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY HAS STRONG FEELINGS OTHERWISE, IT MAY AT ITS OWN DISCRETION INFORM MHE THAT WE ACCEPT THE BRIEF PLACEMENT, BUT ONLY UNDER THE CONDITION THAT IT NOT BE COUNTED AS ONE OF THE "AT LEAST TEN" THE SOVIETS ARE NOW OBLIGATED TO ACCEPT EACH YEAR. (MAGGS HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE BRIEF PLACEMENT. ONLY AVAILABLE PERIOD FOR HIM WOULD BE APR 19-MAY 19.)

5. TRACHTENBERG ACCEPTS PLACEMENT AT LENINGRAD MAR 1-MAY 31 WE WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH TRACHTENBERG AND ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE HIM TO ADVANCE HIS ARRIVAL TO COINCIDE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER. EMBASSY MAY INFORM MHE THAT TRACHTENBERG MAY BE FORCED TO ARRIVE AS MUCH AS TWO WEEKS LATE, BUT ACCEPTS THE SEMESTER PLACEMENT. HE IS PREPARED TO TEACH TWO COURSES: LITERATURE AND SOCIETY, THE MAJOR WRITERS; AND/OR THE CITY IN AMERICAN LITERATURE (BOTH OF WHICH ARE DESCRIBED IN HIS APPLICATION). TRACHTENBERG WOULD NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY FAMILY, BUT WIFE INTENDS TO VISIT FOR A ONE-MONTH PERIOD SOMETIME DURING HIS STAY. REQUEST THAT CONGEN ADVISE ASAP REGARDING DETAILS OF HIS TEACHING ASSIGNMENT.

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